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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Batra et al.

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Examiner: Sharareh, Shahnaz J.

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For: "COMPRESSED TABLET FORMULATION"

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2002, which set a three-month period for response that expires on March 12, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-7, 26 and 37 to read as follows:

1. (twice amended) A compressed tablet comprising: efavirenz, filler/disintegrant, superdisintegrant, binder, surfactant, diluent/compression aid, lubricant, and solvent, wherein efavirenz is from about 1 to about 75% by weight of the total composition of the compressed tablet, and the superdisintegrant has a concentration in the tablet between about 1% to about 5% by weight.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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MERCK & CO., INC.

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DATE: 3/11/2003